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SUBJECT: ITU: AERONAUTICAL (R) WARC - SLATES

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1. AS OF JANUARY 31, DEPUTY SYG BUTLER REPORTS FOLLOWING
SLATES:

CHAIRMAN: SRIRANGAN (INDIA)
VICE CHAIRMEN: ALGERIA, BRAZIL, CHINA, US, USSR
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN KOVACS (HUNGARY)
VC - NIGERIA
PLANNING COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN CHEF (FRANCE)
VC - DUCHARME (CANADA)
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN - MARTINEZ (VENEZUELA)
VC - NORWAY
BUDGET COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN - DIONE (SENEGAL)
VC - KUWAIT
REGULATORY PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN - BUNDLE
(NEW ZEALAND) ; VC - OPEN - POSSIBLY AFRICA
OR EASTERN EUROPE

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2. BUTLER NOTED THAT AFRICANS HE HAD CONSULTED WITH
WANTED HIGHER POSITION FOR DIONE THAN CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE (WHICH HE CHAIRED AT 1977 BROADCAST SATELLITE
WARC AND 1975 LF/MF CONFERENCE) BUT WERE SATISFIED WITH
HIS CHAIRING BUDGET COMMITTEE.

3. TELATT HAS OBSERVED SRIRANGAN IN ADMIN COUNCIL WHERE

HE HAS SERVED AS INDIAN REP SINCE 1975 AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE IN 1977. SRIRANGAN IS GENERALLY SOFT-SPOKEN BUT EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND ABLE, HAS THE FACILITY TO QUICKLY GRASP COMPLICATED ISSUES AND CAN BE TOUGH WHEN SITUATION DEMANDS. AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, SRIRANGAN HAS SHOWN AN ADMIRABLE SENSITIVITY FOR THE CONCERNS OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS AND, AS DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL, IT WAS HE WHO PERSONALLY DEFUSED TENSIONS WHICH AROSE AT 1977 COUNCIL WHEN AFRICANS ATTEMPTED TO TAP REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS TO CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGIONAL EXPERTS. GIVEN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, MISSION BELIEVES HE IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN.

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